

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1, 7 and 8; and add new Claims 15-17 as follows.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A method of providing an indication of a clear channel in a half duplex communication in a wireless communication system having a full duplex communication and the half duplex communication, the method comprising:
determining whether a current operation is in the full duplex communication or in the half duplex communication;
monitoring the channel for incoming data when the operation is in the half duplex communication; [[and]]
deciding whether any incoming data is being received; and
providing a first indication when the channel is clear based on the decision.
2. (original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising providing a second indication when the channel is busy.
3. (original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising providing a first indication by illuminating a first visual indicator.
4. (original) The method of Claim 3, further comprising providing a second indication by illuminating a second visual indicator.

5. (original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising providing a first indication by sounding an audible tone.

6. (original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising providing a first indication by vibrating.

7. (currently amended) A telephone that is used in a full duplex communication and in a half duplex communication, the telephone comprising:

data detection circuitry which detects incoming traffic on a channel during the half duplex communication; and

a first indicator which activates when the data detection circuitry detects the incoming traffic on the channel.

8. (currently amended) The telephone of Claim 7, further comprising a second indicator which activates when the data detection circuitry does not detect traffic on the channel.

9. (original) The telephone of Claim 7, wherein the first indicator is a light emitting diode of a first color.

10. (original) The telephone of Claim 9, wherein the second indicator is a light emitting diode of a second color.

11. (original) The telephone of Claim 7, wherein the first indicator is an audible tone.

12. (original) The telephone of Claim 7, wherein the first indicator is a liquid crystal display.

13. (original) The telephone of Claim 7, wherein the first indicator vibrates upon activation.

14. (original) The telephone of Claim 7, wherein the first indicator sounds an audible tone upon activation.

15. (new) The method of Claim 1, wherein the first indication is provided when the channel is clear.

16. (new) The method of Claim 1, wherein the half duplex communication is used during a speakerphone mode.

17. (new) The telephone of Claim 7, wherein the half duplex communication is used during a speakerphone mode.